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SAN JOSE FOR DR. WEATHERSBY, APHIS

DEPT PASS DR. FRED J. FULLERTON, DEPUT ADMIN, MPI, APHIS, USDA

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: MEAT INSPECTION

REFERNECE: STATE 222328 AND TEGUCIGALPA 4366

1. DR. FRANCISCO AVILIO ORDONEZ, BY LETTER DATED OCT. 11  
(COPY POUCHED), RESPONDED TO DEPTTEL CONCERNS CONTAMINATION  
OF HONDURAN EXPORT BEEF.

2. THE FOLLOWING STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN RELATIVE TO EXPORT  
FROM AUTHORIZED ESTABLISHMENTS IN HONDURAS. ONLY TWO OF THE  
ESTABLISHMENTS, NO. 6 (EMPACADORA DEL NORTE IN PUERTO CASTILLA)  
AND NO. 7 (EMPACADORA CORSA IN SAN PEDRO SULA), WERE DIRECTLY  
AFFECTED BY HURRICANE FIFI.

3. DR. ORDNOEZ STATES AS FOLLOWS (FREE TRANSLATION):

A. PLANT INSPECTIONS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP TO DATE;

B. AN URGENT ORDER HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR LABORATORY

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ANALYSIS TO BE DONE ON THE WATER OF ALL ESTABLISHMENTS IN

HONDURAS. THE ANALYSIS WILL BE PHYSICAL, CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL;

C. OPERATIONS IN ESTABLISHMENTS 6 AND 7 WILL NOT BE COMMENCED UNTIL INSPECTED BY THE OFFICE OF MEAT INSPECTION;

D. THE OPERATORS OF ESTABLISHMENTS 6 AND 7 HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO CLEAN, DISINFECT AND FUMIGATE THEIR FACILITIES;

E. FORTY THOUSAND (40,000) POUNDS OF MEAT IN ESTABLISHMENT 7 (COSA) HAS BEEN CONDEMNED BECAUSE OF CONTAMINATION IN CHILLERS NO. 1 AND 2 BY AMMONIA;

F. THE PRODUCT PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AND PACKED IN THE MENTIONED ESTABLISHMENTS HAS NOT SUFFERED CONTAMINATION OF ANY FORM AND HAS BEEN FOUND APT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION;

G. PHYSICAL REPAIRS TO ESTABLISHMENTS 6 AND 7 OF DAMAGE RESULTING FROM HURRICANE HAS BEEN ORDERED BY THE MEAT INSPECTION SERVICE;

H. ESTABLISHMENTS 6 AND 7 HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO OBTAIN A NEW PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF PERSONNEL.

4. ALTHOUGH UNDAMAGED BY THE STORM, ESTABLISHMENT NO. 2 (EMPACADORA ALUS IN SAN PEDRO SULA) HAS DECIDED TO NOT OPERATE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE DAYS AS A MATTER OF SECURITY AND TO AVOID PROBLEMS.

5. DR. ORDONEZ IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR DR. WEATHERSBY'S INSPECTION TOUR.  
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